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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE ASPEN HOLDINGS TRUST, A DELAWARE STATUTORY TRUST

Case No.:

**VERIFIED COMPLAINT** 

Plaintiff,

-against-

YVETTE SAMBO, BETHPAGE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,

Defendants.

Plaintiff, Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee of The Aspen Holdings Trust, A Delaware Statutory Trust ("Wilmington" or "Plaintiff"), by and through its attorneys, The Margolin & Weinreb Law Group, LLP as and for its Verified Complaint of foreclosure of the premises and mortgage against Defendants Yvette Sambo and Bethpage Federal Credit Union (collectively the "Defendants"), respectfully alleges upon information and belief as follows:

## **NATURE OF THE ACTION**

1. This is an action brought pursuant to New York Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law, Section 1301 *et seq.*, to foreclose on a mortgage encumbering the property commonly known as 169 Dahlia Drive, Mastic Beach, New York 11951 known on the Suffolk County Tax Map as District: 0200 Section: 976.90 Block: 09.00 Lot: 020.000 in the County of

Suffolk and State of New York (the "Subject Property" or the "Property"). The Legal Description of the property is annexed hereto as **Exhibit A**.

## **PARTIES**

- 2. Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee of The Aspen Holdings Trust, A Delaware Statutory Trust (the "Trustee") has a principal place of business at 500 Delaware Avenue, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19801. Although the owner and holder of the Note and Mortgage that are the subject matter of this action, the Trustee does not have real and substantial control over the assets held within the trust.
- 3. The Trust, the Aspen Holdings Trust (the "Trust") is a Delaware statutory trust organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. The Trust's sole beneficiary is APG Holdings, LLC (the "Beneficiary"). The Beneficiary is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Missouri. The members of the Beneficiary are Robert Fraser, a citizen of the State of Missouri, and James Maffuccio, a citizen of the State of Colorado. Thus, for the purposes of diversity, the Trust is a citizen of both Missouri and Colorado.
- 4. Yvette Sambo, upon information and belief, is a resident and citizen of the State of New York, having an address at 169 Dahlia Drive, Mastic Beach, New York 11951. Yvette Sambo is a necessary party defendant to this action by virtue of the fact that she (i) was present at the time of the execution of the Note and Mortgage (as such terms are defined below); (ii) is the borrower of the loan; and (iii) is the Mortgagor under the Mortgage. A copy of the Mortgage is annexed hereto as **Exhibit B**.
- 5. Bethpage Federal Credit Union ("Bethpage") is a federal credit union with its main headquarters and principal place of business in Bethpage, New York. Bethpage is a necessary party defendant to this action by virtue of the fact that it is the current mortgagee of record for a

subordinate lien that is recorded against the Subject Property. A copy of the recorded Consolidated Mortgage is annexed hereto as **Exhibit C**. For diversity purposes, Bethpage is a citizen of the State of New York.

6. Each of the above-named defendants have or claimed to have or may claim to have some interest in or lien upon said mortgaged premises or some part thereof, which interest or lien, if any, has accrued subsequent to, and is subject and subordinate to, the lien of Plaintiff's Mortgage.

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 7. This Action is between citizens of different states. The amount in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeds \$75,000.00. Therefore, jurisdiction is based upon diversity of citizenship pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332.
- 8. Venue is deemed proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391. A substantial part of the events giving rise to this action took place within the jurisdiction of this court and the Subject Property is located in this district.

## **AS AND FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

- 9. This action is brought to foreclose a mortgage made by Yvette Sambo set out as follows: The Mortgage dated March 15, 2005 made by Yvette Sambo to Long Beach Mortgage Company, to secure the sum of \$65,000.00 and interest, recorded in Liber M00021018 on Page 646 in the Suffolk County Clerk's Office on April 7, 2004. *See* Exhibit B. Said lien covers premises known as 169 Dahlia Drive, Mastic Beach, New York 11951. A copy of the Mortgage is annexed as Exhibit B.
- 10. On March 15, 2005, Yvette Sambo executed and delivered a Note to Long Beach Mortgage Company in the amount of \$65,000.00. A copy of the Note with Allonges is annexed as **Exhibit D**. The Note stated that Yvette Sambo shall pay yearly interest at a rate of 9.75%.

11. The Note was transferred by the affixation of proper Allonges to the Note, and the Mortgage was assigned by Assignments of Mortgage as follows:

a. **Assignor:** Long Beach Mortgage

Assignee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

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b. Assignor: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Assignee: Dreambuilder Investments, LLC

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c. **Assignor:** Dreambuilder Investments, LLC

Assignee: Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, Not In Its Individual

Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee of The Aspen Holdings

Trust, A Delaware Statutory Trust

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Copies of the Assignments of Mortgage are annexed hereto as **Exhibit E** respectively.

- 12. Any applicable recording tax was duly paid at the time of recording said mentioned mortgage.
- 13. Plaintiff is in physical possession and is the owner and holder of said original Note and Mortgage.
- 14. Yvette Sambo failed to comply with the terms and provisions of the said Mortgage and said instruments secured by the Mortgage, by failing to make the Monthly Payments due on the first (1st) day of January, 2016 and the default continues to date.
- 15. Plaintiff complied with the contractual provisions in the loan documents in that Default Notices to cure were issued on September 22, 2021 to Yvette Sambo (the "Default Notice") advising of possible acceleration of the loan and that by virtue of his continuing default under the Note and Mortgage, if the arrears are not cured, Plaintiff may declare that the outstanding principal

balance due under the Note, together with all accrued interest thereon is immediately due and payable. A copy of the Default Notice is annexed hereto as **Exhibit F**.

- 16. The 90-day notice provided by RPAPL § 1304(1) was issued on September 22, 2021 to Yvette Sambo. A copy of this notice is annexed hereto as **Exhibit G**. Plaintiff has complied with the registration requirements of RPAPL § 1306. A copy of the RPAPL § 1306 filing is annexed hereto as **Exhibit H**.
- 17. Plaintiff has complied with the COVID-19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2020 (S.9114/A.1181). *See* Exhibit I.
- 18. Pursuant to RPAPL § 1302 as amended, the Plaintiff has complied with all the provisions of Section 595a and Section 6-1 of the Banking Law and RPAPL Section 1304, except where it is exempt from doing so.
  - 19. As of the date herein, Yvette Sambo has failed to respond to the Default Notices.
- 20. Due to the above-described default, Defendant Yvette Sambo is indebted to Plaintiff pursuant to the terms of the Note and Mortgage for:
  - a. The unpaid principal amount due under the Note, and all accrued and unpaid interest and late charges which sum as of September 27, 2021 amounts to \$91,996.23:
  - b. Attorney's fees and other costs and disbursements, payable to Plaintiff under the terms of the Note, which will accrue until the amount due and payable under the Note is paid in full; and
  - c. Any and all additional fees that are due or may become due and payable as provided under the terms and conditions of the Note and Mortgage are paid in full.

- 21. Plaintiff requests that in the event that this action will proceed to judgment of foreclosure and sale, said premises should be sold subject to the following:
  - a. Any state of facts that an inspection of the premises would disclose.
  - b. Any state of facts that an accurate survey of the premises would show.
  - c. Covenants, restrictions, easements and public utility agreements of record, if any.
  - d. Building and zoning ordinances of the municipality in which the Mortgaged premises are located and possible violations of same.
  - e. Any right of tenants or person in possession of the subject premises.
  - f. Any equity of redemption of the United States of America to redeem the premises within 120 days from date of sale.
  - g. Prior lien(s) of record, if any.
- 22. In the event that Plaintiff possesses any other lien(s) against said mortgaged premises either by way of judgment, junior mortgage or otherwise, Plaintiff requests that such other liens(s) shall not be merged in Plaintiff's cause(s) of action set forth in this Complaint, but that Plaintiff shall be permitted to enforce said other lien(s) and/or seek determination of priority thereof in any independent action(s) or proceeding(s), including, without limitation, any surplus money proceedings.
- 23. Plaintiff shall not be deemed to have waived, altered, released or changed the election hereinfore made, by reason of any payment after the commencement of this action, of any or all of the defaults mentioned herein, and such election shall continue and remain effective.

24. No other action or proceeding has been commenced or maintained or is now pending at law or otherwise for the foreclosure of said Mortgage or for recovery of the said sum secured by said Note and Mortgage or any part thereof.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff demands judgment that the Defendants and each of them and all persons claiming under them or any of them, subsequent to the commencement of this action and the filing of a notice of pendency thereof, be barred and foreclosed of and from all estate, right, title, interest, claim, lien and equity of redemption of, in and to the said mortgaged premises and each and every part and parcel thereof; that the premises may be decreed to be sold in one parcel, according to law, subject to the terms set forth in this complaint; that the monies arising from the sale thereof may be bought into Court; that the Plaintiff may be paid the amount due on the Note and Mortgage as hereinfore set forth, with interest and late charges to the time of such payment and the expenses of such sale, plus reasonable attorney's fees, together with the costs, allowances and disbursements of this action, and together with any sums from the dates incurred by Plaintiff pursuant to any term or provision of the Note and Mortgage set forth in this complaint, or to protect the lien of Plaintiff's Mortgage, together with interest upon said sums from the dates of the respective payments and advances thereof, so far as the amount of such monies properly applicable thereto will pay the same; that this Court forthwith appoint a receiver of the rents and profits of said premises during the pendency of this action with the usual powers and duties; and that Defendant Yvette Sambo may be adjudged to pay the whole residue (unless discharged of this debt by the United States Bankruptcy Court), or so much thereof as the Court may determine to be just and equitable, of the debt remaining unsatisfied after a sale of the mortgaged premises and the application of the proceeds pursuant to the directions contained in such judgment, and that in the event that Plaintiff possesses any other lien(s) against said mortgage premises either by the way of judgment, junior mortgage or otherwise, Plaintiff requests that such other lien(s) shall not be

merged in Plaintiff's cause(s) of action set forth in this complaint but that Plaintiff shall be

permitted to enforce said other lien(s) and/or seek determination of priority thereof in any

independent action(s) or proceeding(s), including, without limitation, any surplus money

proceedings, that an order be entered compelling that the tenants deliver possession of the premises

to Plaintiff, and that the Plaintiff may have such other and further relief, or both, in the premises,

as may be just and equitable.

Dated: January 7, 2022

Syosset, New York

Yours, etc.

The Margolin & Weinreb

Law Group, LLP

Attorneys for Plaintiff

By: /s/ Alan H. Weinreb

Alan H. Weinreb, Esq.

**VERIFICATION BY ATTORNEY** 

ALAN H. WEINREB, an attorney duly admitted to practice before the courts of this state

and associated with the attorneys of record for the plaintiff, affirms under the penalties of perjury

that: I have read the foregoing Complaint and the same is true to my own knowledge except as to

matters alleged to upon information and belief as to those matters I believe them to be true. The

grounds of my belief as to matters not based upon personal knowledge are communications with

plaintiff or officers and/or agents of plaintiff and copies of plaintiff's records in my possession.

This affirmation is made by me because plaintiff is not in a county in which my firm has its office.

Dated: January 7, 2022

Syosset, New York

/s/ Alan H. Weinreb

**ALAN H. WEINREB**